

REMARKS

This is in response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed on February 13, 2008. Claims 1, 3, and 5-23 are allowed. Claim 4 is rejected. After entry of the amendment, claims 1, and 3-23 remain pending.

Applicants acknowledge with thanks the Examiner's decision to allow claims 1, 3, and 5-23.

The Examiner rejected claim 4 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. The Examiner stated that there is no antecedent basis in claims 1 and 3 for the expression "... wherein the starting...". Applicants traverse this rejection.

Claim 4 is amended herein to delete the term "starting" and indicate that the N^α-acyl-L-arginine acid component (i) in the reaction is the N^α-laurylamide of L-arginine. Applicants submit that this amendment should remedy the Examiner's concern regarding claim 4.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application and issuance of a Notice of Allowance for claims 1 and 3-23 which are in condition for allowance.

In the event any fees are due in connection with the filing of this document, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to our Deposit Account No. 18-0988 under Attorney Docket No. **TURKP0131US**.

Respectfully submitted,

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